REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application as amended. Claims 1 and 2 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. New claims 3-10 have been added.

The Examiner objected to the abstract because it exceeded the limit of 150 words. Applicants have amended the abstract to meet the limitations of MPEP 608.01(b). Applicants respectfully request approval of the amended abstract.

Examiner further objected to claim 2, for informality. Applicants have amended claim 2, to be grammatically correct. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the claim objection.

Examiner further rejected claims 1 and 2 over non-statutory double patenting. Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer herewith, to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome. Accordingly the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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In the Abstract

A natural language-based information organization and collaboration tool for a computer system is disclosed. The [present invention] system includes an apparatus and method for processing text expressions in a computer system. [, the] The apparatus [including:] comprises [1) an object database defining an information object with an associated keyword; 2)] a user input device for receiving an input text expression; [3)] a [parsing device for identifying] parser to identify the keyword in the input text expression, the [parsing device] parser including functions for linking the input text expression to the information object based on the keyword identified in the input text expression; and [4)] a user [ouptut] output device for displaying to the user the identity of the information object to which the input text expression was linked. [The apparatus of the present invention further includes supplemental information in the object database which is related to the information object, the user ouptut device further including functions for displaying the supplemental information when a corresponding keyword is identified in the input text expression. The apparatus of the present invention further includes a method and apparatus for collaboration between users of a time and project management system.]

In the Claims

1. (Once Amended) An apparatus for processing text expressions in a computer system, the apparatus comprising:

[an object database defining an information object with an associated keyword;]

a user input device for receiving an input text expression;

a [parsing device] parser to identify a [for identifying the] keyword in the input text expression, the[parsing device including functions for linking] parser to associate the input text expression to [the] an information object associated with the keyword [based on the keyword identified in the input text expression]; and

a user output [ouptut] device to make the associated information object available to the user upon request [for displaying to the user the identity of the information object to which the input text expression was linked].

2. (Once Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an [wherein the] object database [includes] including the information objects and associated keywords, and supplemental information related to the information object, and

the user output [ouptut] device further [including a functions for displaying] to display the supplemental information upon user request [when a corresponding keyword is identified in the input text expression].